

McGraw Asks To Become President Of Giants First Of New Year

Stoneham Offers Birth To Manager

Leader Balks, but Is Expected to Accept Office Before Season Opens.

NO CHANGE OF STOCK

Present Chief Executive Anxious Only to Avoid Duties of Position.

John J. McGraw, manager and vice-president of the New York National League club, is about to advance into the presidency. It developed yesterday that Charles A. Stoneham, who now is president and owns most of the stock, had offered the chief executive position to McGraw as a New Year gift, and that while the manager had refused the promotion and its additional duties for the time being there is more than a strong probability that he will accept the offer before the season of 1923 rolls around.

In so far as is known Stoneham's offer entails no proposition involving the sale of any of his stock. He declares that he has no intention of disposing of his holdings in the club. But he has found that the presidency of the Giants has taken up far more of his time than he had bargained for. The job and its demands have been growing fast. The presidency of the club also forced Stoneham to sell the track race at Havana and curtail his activities as an owner of thoroughbreds. This restriction is irksome to him.

McGraw yesterday admitted that Stoneham had made the offer to him and added that he did not feel that he was in a position to become president at this particular time. "Mr. Stoneham has made a most flattering proposition to me, but I cannot see my way clear to take over the additional work involved," said the leader of the Giants. "I find that my double position as a manager and vice-president keeps me busy enough. It is a proposition which must be thought over for some time."

Would Remain Manager.

"Suppose you accept the presidency? Will that mean your retirement from the bench into the grand stand and a new manager for the Giants?" McGraw was asked.

"No, it would not," he replied, with a chuckle. "I am not through by any means and I am not ready to hand the reins to some one else. I think that I am still good enough to manage the Giants for a while. I have a record with eight pennants. Perhaps we can set that a little higher."

Stoneham's desire to retire from the major executive position in the New York club comes close to the wish of Fredman who took over the club when McGraw was manager. McGraw was signed for five years as manager at an annual salary of \$55,000, making him the highest paid man in baseball. His acceptance of the presidency would mean a bigger return still.

Highest Paid Man in Game.

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Stoneham likes baseball, but his first love is horse racing. He has the quick thrill of the race and the excitement of the track—the satisfaction of owning a winner. He owns Dry Moon and Flamingo, among others. He would like to increase his stable and campaign more extensively, but it is known that Judge Landis frowns on close association of baseball and racing.

Dodgers Are for Sale.

After forty years with the Brooklyn club Charley Ebbets is ready to step out if he can get his price. It is understood that Ebbets and the McKeevers have asked more than a million for the club and Ebbets' field. They are reported to be in a better frame of mind for negotiation than they have been in some years, and something may develop in 1923.

Country's Best Sprinters to Compete in Fordham Meet

Seven of the fastest sprinters in the world will be seen in action at the annual indoor games of Fordham University on January 20 in a series of special events which will feature the program of thirteen events. This is an unusually large field for sprints and the distances—75, 90 and 100 yards—are unusually long for indoor dashes, but the long straightaway at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory will enable the seven stars to race without inconvenience.

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Yankee Ball Team Wins; Leaves Manila for U. S.

—A baseball team composed of National and American League stars departed a picked team of Manila Americans here today, 12.6.5. The visitors, who came here after touring Japan, departed to-night on the steamer "President Jefferson" for the United States via Hongkong and Shanghai. Governor-General Leonard A. Wood was at the pier and bade the players Godspeed.

THE LISTENING POST

By Walter Trumbull

Who makes professional sport about? The guiding power will not be found among the magnates, even though they both collect and spend the dough; Nor is the noble athlete. The fellow who performs the feat; For while he works from day to day And very often earns his pay He's not the person, just the same. Who really makes or breaks the game. The guy responsible for sport, The juryman of last resort, Is he who plays, to a man, And owners call, "the doggone fan." He holds the answer in his mitt, For when he quits—then sports must quit.

It frequently seems to us that the fans are a long suffering race—and this applies especially to the boxing fans. Few champions show any great anxiety to defend their titles, and if they are so incautious as to wish to meet some contender some boxing commission forbids the bout. In the heavyweight class Jack Dempsey is as idle as the painted ship upon the painted ocean. Yet we are led to believe that Willis, Willard, Gibbons and others are longing to mix it with him. They may not be in his class, but we'd rather pay real money to see him box any one of them than see him for nothing in vaudeville.

Harry Greb is light heavyweight champion. Gibbons, Tunney and a few more are willing to dispute the title with him. The middleweight situation is a jumble, but if Wilson could be induced to fight there are plenty of opponents for him. Mickey Walker has Dave Shade and a lot of other welterweights on his trail.

Any time that Benny Leonard gets that tooth in condition Charley White and Lew Tendler think that they can furnish him with plenty of entertainment. And it's that way right down the line. There is somebody for any champion to fight—if he wants to fight him.

A lot of these champions are not at all quarrelsome unless they are permitted to pick the opponent and the referee. And even then they prefer to come in at catch weights and do their boxing in a no decision State. Meanwhile the fans continue to furnish the money for the game.

You could perhaps explain the losing play. Show where misfortune turned the scales of war. But men care naught for that—they only say, "Tell us the score."

Football is a great educational force. When it was announced that West Virginia would play Gonzaga we learned that was a place, and not, as we had supposed, a cheese.

We hope it is true that Charlie Paddock intends to run in the East. They say that Charlie can travel faster than gossip in a small town and we'd like to see him go.

An optimist is a bald headed man who spends hard earned money for hair tonic. The presidency of the Baseball Players' Union seems to be a case of the job seeking the man. Most of those asked to run for the office are still running.

Every year about this time we determine to place an order for some Christmas cards.

It's about time somebody invented a cigar ash that doesn't fall on the floor just as you are approaching the ash tray.

Veteran Indian Pitchers to Start Training Early

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Report at Hot Springs to Boil Out February 10.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 25.—The veteran battalions of the Cleveland Indians will report at Hot Springs, Ark., for preliminary work and a course of the baths before proceeding to the spring training camp at Lakeland, Fla., it was announced today.

Pitchers Coveleskie, Uhle and Sherrod Smith, the latter acquired from Brooklyn the latter part of last season, and Catcher Steve O'Neill will report at Hot Springs February 10. The remainder of the battalions will report at Lakeland March 1, one week ahead of the main squad.

Eighteen exhibition games, including twelve with National League teams training in Florida, will be played between March 15 and April 15, when the Indians break camp. The first will be with the Cincinnati Reds at Orlando, Fla. March 15, the National League team playing a return engagement at Lakeland on March 19. Other games are:

MARCH 20, Cardinals, at Bradenton, Fla.; 22, Cincinnati, at Lakeland; 26, Phillies, at Lakeland; 27, Brooklyn, at Clearwater; 28, Cardinals, at Lakeland; 29, Phillies, at Clearwater; 31, Braves, at Lakeland. APRIL 1, Reds, at St. Petersburg; 6, Toronto, at Atlanta; 7, Milwaukee, at Troy, Ala.; 8, Mobile, at Mobile; 13, 14 and 15, New Orleans, at New Orleans.

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WHITBECK FAVORED FOR TENNIS TITLE

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Armstrongs of New London Capture Pinehurst Father and Son Tourney.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 25.—A father and son tournament, the first event of its kind ever staged at Pinehurst, was played on the championship course today and attracted a field of twenty-seven pairs. The tournament, an alternate stroke handicap medal round, was won by John D. Armstrong of New London and his ten-year-old son, John Bradford Armstrong, the youngest boy taking part in the event. The Armstrongs went around the course in 104 alternate strokes and overbooked net scoring with a card of 104-35-69.

P. B. O'Brien of Detroit and Billy O'Brien, age 12, won the second pair by a score of 104-35-69. O'Brien, Detroit, and Billy O'Brien, New London, were the only pair to finish in the second round. The prize for the best gross round was won by Dr. J. S. Brown and T. Russell Brown of Montclair, who covered the course in 83 alternate strokes. Dr. N. W. Wilson of New London and his ten-year-old son, John Bradford Armstrong, the youngest boy taking part in the event. The Armstrongs went around the course in 104 alternate strokes and overbooked net scoring with a card of 104-35-69.

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Simultaneously with the juniors, thirty-five budding players of the boys' division will contest their national championship in the Park avenue armory. The field is made up of the best players of the country, and the winners will be crowned champions of the United States.

Y. M. H. A. New Year's Run Attracts Big Entry List

Entries for the New Year's day open handicap road run of the Ninety-second Street Y. M. H. A. will close to-morrow. Indications point to a record entry. Up to date more than 100 entries have been announced. The prize list is the biggest announced for a road event in several years. In addition to the team trophy there will be twenty-five individual awards. Five silver cups of varying sizes will be given to the first five men to cross the finish line.

The course will lead the contestants from the clubhouse of the Ninety-second Street Y. M. H. A. at Lexington avenue, west to Fifth avenue and then north to 100th street and around Central Park.

Klem With the Dodgers.

Bill Klem, the best umpire in Yankees—who, by the way, has gone on a trip to Bermuda—will work in the series between the Yankees and the Dodgers in the South and at Ebbets Field. Bill will take this opportunity to get himself in condition. He holds that an umpire needs steady work as well as a good one. In some cases umpires need it worse than a player—and in many instances the umpires never do get their condition.

Klem will report at the camp of the Dodgers at Clearwater, Fla., and umpire all the exhibitions played down there. He will also umpire the American League game between the Yankees and the Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Last spring he sent George Moriarty, who is away with the tourists in the Orient.

Amateur Wrestling Bout.

The Boys' Club will conduct an open A. A. U. wrestling tournament at its club house January 12. Bout will be contested in the following classes: 126, 146 and 175. Entries close January 5 with J. Goldstein, 16 Avenue A.

W. and L. Eleven Gets Dates.

LINGTON, Va., Dec. 25.—The 1923 football schedule of Washington and Lee University, announced to-day, includes games with West Virginia, Centre, Western Maryland, Washington and Jefferson, University of Kentucky and Johns Hopkins.

Marshall Won 417 Games.

Frank J. Marshall, the United States chess champion, who is matched to play Edward Lasker, champion of the world, in the public gymnasium on West Twenty-eighth street and East Fifty-fourth street. The games will be followed by dances. Departments already entered in the basketball league are Public Welfare, Tenement House, Park, Police, Water Supply, Finance, Tax, Health and Education.

City Basketball Quintets to Compete in Tournament

Park Commissioner Francis D. Gallatin has announced that beginning January 6 a basketball tournament between municipal employees will be held in the public gymnasium on West Twenty-eighth street and East Fifty-fourth street. The games will be followed by dances. Departments already entered in the basketball league are Public Welfare, Tenement House, Park, Police, Water Supply, Finance, Tax, Health and Education.

College Chess Starts To-day.

The twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Intercollegiate Chess League will start at 10 o'clock this morning at the rooms of the Marshall Chess Club, 135 West Twenty-eighth street. Teams from each college will be entered by Cornell, Pennsylvania, City College, New York University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the last named being the youngest member of the league and the winner last year.

Organizing N. Y. Checker Club

Albert B. Hodges, president of the Chess Club International, announced yesterday that the New York Checker and Whatnot Club, for the title of "New York City Checker Club," will be organized at 146 West Fourth street on January 16, when Charles Jolly, New Jersey draughts champion, will give an exhibition of simultaneous play. The new club is being formed with the approval of the American Checker Association.

Berlin Hockey Club Wins.

BERLIN, N. H., Dec. 25.—The Nationals of Montreal to-day sustained their second defeat of their two game hockey series with the Berlin Hockey Club here. Berlin won to-day by a score of 1 to 0, while the score on Saturday was 5 to 4.

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Toledo High School Eleven Starts on Its Way to Coast

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Football team, consisting of twenty players, coaches, trainers and newspaper men, left late this afternoon for Corvallis, Ore., where a game will be played with the high school team of that city on New Year's Day. On the return trip the party will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and other points.

Girl to Lead Men's Five.

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Answers Your Golf Questions

By JOCK HUTCHISON.

Answer to Problem of Playing Ball Out of Turn.

R. S.: You seem to be mixed up in your question. Your opponent referred to a "four-ball" which means that you and your partner are playing one ball. From what I understand you were playing in a four ball match in this case, which has nothing to do with the rule. The rule he applies only to a foursome play where alternate strokes should be made. The penalty for not following this rule is the loss of a hole in match play. It would mean disqualification in stroke competition.

"Dear Jock: My opponent was on the green about 100 yards from the hole. I asked him what he lay. He replied that he had three strokes. He putted and sank the putt. When figuring what he had made on the hole he stated that he had made a mistake. That he should have said four strokes instead of three."

"I claimed that he gave me wrong information as to the number of strokes he played and claimed that he lost the hole. This is surely in the rule book. What is your opinion in the matter?"

(Answer to-morrow, and the problem of advice from a forecaddie.)

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